

Upcoming Courses

All You Need to Know About Your Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Course Reference #: 2006CSP CECLR 533 01C
2/21/05 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Midlands Technical College Northeast Campus

The Mapping class will cover several topics including:

- > How to read an engineers scale
- > How to scale off the maps
- > How to interpret/use information on the map
- > How to find the information you need in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and apply it
- > What is a Digital FIRM (DFIRM)
- > How to access maps on line
- > Mapping reading exercise

This class is a **pre-requisite** for Managing Floodplains Through The NFIP course. Those who do not attend this class will not be able to register for the NFIP course. Registration for this course is available through the Midlands Tech College by calling (803) 732-0432 (please have the course reference number available).

Managing Floodplains Through The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Course Reference #: 2006CSP CECLR 520 02C
3/20-22/06 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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The Floodplain Management course will cover several topics including:

- > Concepts of Floodplain Management
- > Flood Insurance Studies and Maps
- > NFIP Overview, Standards and Requirements

- > Administering Your Flood Ordinance
- > Current Issues in Floodplain Management

Note: Only those who have completed the general mapping course will be allowed to register for this course. Registration for this course is available through the Midlands Tech College by calling (803) 732-0432 (please have the course reference number available).

Map Modernization

Kershaw County: A meeting to review the Preliminary FIRM and FIS Report has been planned for February 8, 2006 in Camden, SC. County and incorporated community officials have been invited to attend this meeting. A few weeks after the meeting, a six-month compliance period will begin during which time the County and incorporated communities will update their ordinances to reflect the new information as part of their continued participation in the NFIP.

Pickens County: A Preliminary FIRM and FIS Report were mailed out to Pickens County officials and incorporated communities therein on January 5, 2006 for review and comment. A meeting to discuss these materials and receive comments will be scheduled for late February.

Elevation Certificates

FEMA has indicated that the use of the expired elevation certificate form is still allowed while supplies last. The newly created form is currently at OMB for final approval and won't be made mandatory until a determination is made. It is FEMA's intent to update their website to inform administrators when the new form will become mandatory.

New FEMA Publications

The following is a list of new publications made available by FEMA and the NFPA concerning issues in the floodplain.

A Study Guide and Desk Reference for Local Officials. Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA 480, February 2005. Available online at: http://www.floods.org/Certification/FEMA_480.asp

Floodplain Management Bulletin on the Elevation Certificate, Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA 467-1, May 2004. Available online at www.fema.gov.

NFPA 225®: Model Manufactured Home Installation Standard®, 2005 edition. National Fire Protection Association. (To order, call toll-free 1-800-344-3555 or visit NFPA's online catalog at <http://catalog.nfpa.org>.)

NFPA 5000®: Building Construction and Safety Code®, 2003 edition. National Fire Protection Association. (To order, call toll-free 1-800-344-3555 or visit NFPA's online catalog at <http://catalog.nfpa.org>.)

Questions/Concerns/Future Input



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